

Atty. Docket No.: 209FO002

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below, next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DEVICE HAVING MULTIPLE OPTICAL FIBERS

In the specification of which

X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____, as U.S. Application No. _____

or PCT International Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

We further acknowledge, in the case of a continuation-in-part application, the duty to disclose to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Prior Foreign Application(s)Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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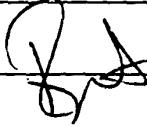
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